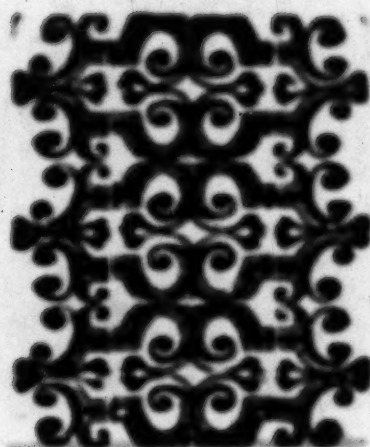
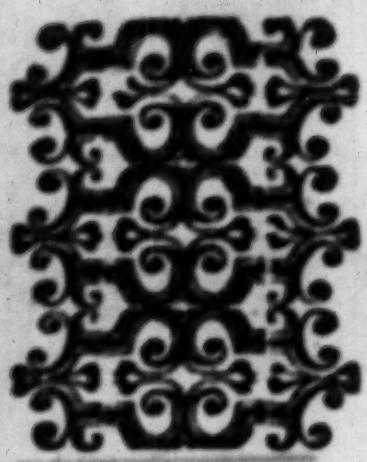


By the Queene.



A Proclamation for the restraint of transportation of Graine.



Whereas the Queenes Maiestie is given to vnderstand, that diuers of her subiects of this Realme, vnder the colour and pretence of carying of Corne to certayne partes of Fraunce, being in good amitie with this Crowne (but neere to the partes of Spaine) haue caused the said Corne to be transported and caried by colourable meanes into Spaine, and there vented and sold the same, whereof a great part was this last yeere past imploied in the victualling of the late Armie and Fleete set forth to the seas by the king of Spaine, for the Inuasion of this Realme, and directly against her highnesse person and crowne (which intention and purpose was by Gods only goodnesse defeated, and miraculously made frustrate, as is notoriously knowen.) And whereas also her Maiestie is further giuen to vnderstand, that like euill practises are intended by some, that thzough a most greedie and dishonest desire of gaine, hauing more respect to a priuate enriching of themselves, then to the dutie they owe to her highnesse, and to the safetie and well doing of the whole state of the Realme, meane to hold on that vndutifull purpose, to a further reliefe of the enemye against this Realme, vnder like colours and pretences as are aforesayd: Her Maiestie therefore for the prevention thereof, doth most straightly charge and commaund, according to her Roial authoritie, that no person or persons after the publishing of this present Proclamation, doe transport or carie out of this Realme, into any of the parts beyond the seas, by vertue of any former licence whatsoever, or by any other colour or pretence, any kind of graine, vpon paine of her highnesse extreme indignation and displeasure, and such further corporall paine and other penaltie, as to any that shall be aiders, helpers, assisters and abbetters of the enemies of her Roiall person and Crowne, may bee inflicted by the lawes of this realme, or by her highnesse Roiall prerogatiue, vpon the sayde offenders, as in such cases concerning the State and preservation of her person & realme, may and ought to be imposed and inflicted. And for that the disorders in this behalfe committed or to be committed, are and ought to be chiefly discouered by her Highnesse officers attending vpon the collection of custome and Subsidies in their seuerall Portes and Charges, and in the Creekes of the said Portes, from time to time as they are incident & fall out, and that by vertue of their oaths which they haue in that behalfe taken, as by her Highnesse lawes is to the same effect ordered, and vpon such further penalties as in the sayd lawes are mentioned and contained: Her Maiestie likewise straightly chargeth and commaundeth all and euery Customer, Controller, Surueior, Searcher, Farmer and deputie Farmer, attending vpon the collection of Custome and Subsidies within all and euery Port and Ports, Hauen and Hauens, Creeke and Creekes, member and members, of all and euery Port and Ports, to keepe diligent watch, and to haue a carefull oversight, that no person or persons whatsoever, either by way of entries or without entries, doe lade, ship, transport, or carie out of any place vnder his or their charge, any sort or kind of graine, to any place out of her Maiesties dominions, except to the partes of Holland, Zealand, or Flaunders, where her Maiestie hath any of her Subiectes in garrison, and not any thither without speciall direction on her Maiesties behalfe, by the Lord Treasurer of England, or by the Lordes of her priue Counsell, vpon paine of such penaltie, as by

her Highnesse lawes as aforesayd, is to be inflicted vpon them, and such further prosecution of the crime of his
 or their wilfull periurie, as by like course of law is provided. And in case the sayd officers or any of them doe
 meet with any graine, shipped and laden to be transported out of the Realme, that forthwith they and eu-
 ery of them make seisure of the same, the one moitie thereof to be taken to her Maiesties vse, and the other to ac-
 crue to the partie that shall make the sayd seisure: and that the parties that shall be taken with such graine, be
 committed to prison, there to remaine without baille, vntill by order of the Lordes of the Counsell, the same
 shall be further punished. And in case the sayd officers or any of them, in his or their seuerall charge and char-
 ges, doe disloyally and vndutifully conceale, and not apprehend such offendor in this behalfe: Her highnesse
 straightly chargeth and commandeth, that vpon discouerie and prooofe thereof duely made before the Lordes
 and others of her priuie Counsell, or before the Lorde Treasurer in the Court of the Exchequer, the partie or
 parties so offending, shall be depriued of his or their said office and offices, and the same forthwith be collated
 vpon the partie or parties so informing, being meet persons for the same, vpon due prooofe of the abuse aforesaid,
 and the partie offending be further punished at her Maiesties pleasure. And for the due and better execution of
 this present Proclamation, her Maiesties further pleasure and commandement is, that whereas by vertue of
 her highnesse Commission lately sent vnder the great scale of England, into the seuerall maritime Counties
 within this her highnesse realme, there are certain special Commissioners chosen and appointed for that pur-
 pose, that the sayde Commissioners in each of the seuerall Counties, shall constitute and appoint some such
 trustie persons as they shall find to be wise and discrete, and not affected to the transporters of Coyne, and for
 whose faithfull seruice therein, they will be answerable to haue some kind of ouersight of the sayde officers of
 the Ports, and that within the Port, Towne or Townes, within the seuerall limites of their sayd Commissi-
 on, they do appoint one seuerall day of meeting to be kept every thre weekes at the least, to enquire by verditte
 of twelve men or other wise, vpon the due obseruation of this her Highnesse proclamation, and of the abuses
 and contempts committed against the same. And such as shall bee found vpon due prooofe to bee offendors, to
 commit them to prison, there to remaine without baille or mainprise, and to certifie vnto the Lordes and o-
 thers of her highnesse priuie Counsell, the names of the sayd offendors, with the qualities of their offences, to
 the end there may be made some exemplary punishment of them, to the terroir of all others that shall presume to
 commit the like contempts. Given at her Maiesties Maner of Greenwich, the ninth day of Nouember,
 1588. in the 30. yeere of her Highnesse raigne.

God saue the Queene.

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